

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving publications and forwarding said publications on to parties who have subscribed to receive such publications, said method comprising:

receiving a subscription request of a first filter expression format type, said request including a filter expression having at least one attribute;

mapping at least part of the at least one attribute to a generic format;

receiving a publication message of a second filter expression format type;

comparing the publication message received to the subscription request to determine whether to forward the publication message to ~~is appropriate for forwarding onto~~ a subscriber originating the request, the ~~step of~~ comparing comprising:

identifying a generic format filter attribute; and

mapping the generic format filter attribute to a format corresponding to the second filter expression format ~~message~~ type, the method further comprising:

transmitting said publication message to the originating subscriber, wherein

the first filter expression format type is different than the second filter expression format type.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

preparing the publication message for transmission to said originating subscriber.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the ~~step of~~ preparing the publication message for transmission to said originating subscriber comprises:

creating a substantially empty message of said first filter expression format type;
extracting information from the publication message of said second filter expression format type; and
inputting said information into said substantially empty message.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, 9 or 10, wherein the ~~step of~~ mapping at least part of an attribute to a generic format comprises:

invoking a first component capable of understanding messages of said first filter expression format type.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, 9 or 10, comprising:
storing said generic format filter attribute.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of any of claims 8, 9 or 10, wherein the ~~step of~~ mapping a generic format filter attribute to a format corresponding to the second filter expression format message type comprises:

invoking a second component capable of understanding messages of said second filter expression format type.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of any of claims 8, 9 or 10, wherein said format corresponding to the second message type is held in temporary storage until said comparison is complete.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)